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WARRANT

1989 Special Town Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 1989 7:45 P.M.

Wayland High School Field House

Special Town Election

Tuesday, September 19, 1989

Precincts 1 and 4	Town Building Gymnasium
Precincts 2 and 3	Middle School

VOTING HOURS: 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETINGS

It is anticipated that, if adjourned meetings are necessary to complete action on this Warrant, they will be held on the following dates, subject to Town Meeting approval:

Monday, September 25

Wednesday, September 27

Thursday, September 28

and thereafter, as may be necessary, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday as Town Meeting directs.

If you have any questions about the Articles, please attend the Warrant Hearing Monday, September 11, 1989, at the Town Building. You may also call the Executive Secretary's office at 358-7701 before Town Meeting time. Hearing time - 9:00 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Town of Wayland

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To any of the Constables of the Town of Wayland, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify all residents of the Town of Wayland, who shall be qualified to vote in accord with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 51, Section 1, to come to their respective polling places (Precinct 1 and 4 in the Gymnasium of the Town Building and Precinct 2 and 3 in the Middle School) on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1989 BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

to vote "YES" or "NO" upon the following Referendum Question:

> Shall the Town of Wayland be allowed to assess an additional $447,141.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of maintaining the Town's general operating budget at the level set by the 1989 annual town meeting in the face of reductions in local aid imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and eighty-nine?

You are also required to notify all such residents of Wayland to meet in the Field House of the Wayland High School on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1989 AT 7:45 P.M.

to act on the following articles:

NOTICE: It is the intention of the Finance Committee to request of the Town that if adjourned meetings be necessary to complete the action on the Warrant, they be held Monday, September 25, Wednesday, September 27, Thursday, September 28.

ARTICLE 1. RECONSIDER FY'90 OMNIBUS BUDGET VOTED AT 1989 ATM - BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote taken under ARTICLE 5. F.Y.'90 OMNIBUS BUDGET at the 1989 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of reducing the amounts appropriated thereunder; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMENTS: A ballot question at the Special Town Election in September is a proposal to override Proposition 2-1/2 to enable the Town to raise $447,141 in additional tax revenues to replace that amount of state funding which has recently been lost to the Town as a result of the Governor's vetoes, reducing State Aid to the cities and towns. The Finance Committee hopes the citizens of the Town will recognize that the FY 1990 budget adopted by Town Meeting in April required a significant cut in the scale and quality of Town services; if the reduction in State Aid is not offset by a compensating increase in tax revenues, it will result in a further reduction that will seriously affect the core services provided by the Town.

If the override proposal on the ballot is approved by a majority of the citizens participating in the Special Town Election, the lost State Aid will be replaced by an equivalent increase in tax revenues. No action will be required under Article 1 and the Special Town Meeting will be asked to pass over Article 1.

If the override proposal on the ballot is not approved by a majority of the citizens participating in the Special Town Election, the expenditures approved in the FY 1990 budget adopted at Town Meeting in April will not be balanced by available sources of revenues as required. A motion will be presented under Article 1 specifying the line items in the FY'90 budget for which reductions of $447,141 -- the equivalent of the lost State Aid -- will be recommended to reduce Town expenditures to the level of available sources of revenues.

At this time, the Finance Committee has not yet developed an amended 1990 Budget for Town Meeting review embodying the effect of a further $447,141 reduction in expenditures. The Committee, will, however, develop such a proposal and be prepared to present it and its effects at the time of the Town Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends approval of this Article only in the event the override request on the Special Election ballot is defeated.

ARGUMENTS OPPOSED; If the override proposal on the ballot, to replace the reduction in State Aid, is approved, Town Meeting need take no action under this Article.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR: If the override proposal on the ballot, to replace the reduction in State Aid, is not approved, Town Meeting must amend the F.Y. 1990 Omnibus Budget adopted at the 1989 Annual Town Meeting (in April) to bring expenditures into balance with expected revenue-receipts. Expenditures can be reduced by approval of a motion presented under this Article.

QUANTUM OF VOTE: Two-Thirds for Reconsideration - See Town By-Laws, Article 2, Section 4.
Majority - See Mass. G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5 and Ch. 44, Sec. 33B.

ARTICLE 2. AMEND VOTE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 5. F.Y.'90 OMNIBUS BUDGET AT 1989 ATM - FUNDING SOURCES

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote taken under ARTICLE 5. F.Y.'90 OMNIBUS BUDGET, at the 1989 Annual Town Meeting to amend the sources of funding for the fiscal year 1990 Omnibus Budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMENTS; This article is included as the second tool for Town Meeting to accommodate the expected reduction in "Local Aid to Cities and Towns."

In the motion made under the Budget Article at Town Meeting there are two main parts. One part appears as the principal part of the Article and shows how the expenditures are to be allocated. The other part of the motion identifies the sources of funding.

The motion under Article 5. F.Y. 1990 Omnibus Budget for the 1989 Annual Town Meeting stated that the revenues shall be raised as follows:

$19,574,466 by Taxation
$133,000 by transfer from the Stabilization Fund
$71,004 by transfer from the Storm Reimbursement Account
$107,000 by transfer from Ambulance Receipts Account
$303,070 by transfer from Septage Revenue Account 1990
$350,000 by transfer from General Fund - Unreserved Fund Balance

The money that comes to the Town from the State as "Local Aid to Cities and Towns" is classified as Taxation.

Article 2 of this Special Town Meeting permits amendment to this list of revenues, either in amount or by source.

If the override question for the $447,141 passes, no changes in revenue sources will have to made. The override amount will restore the Taxation source to its original amount and this Article will be unnecessary. If the override question fails, then the $19,574,466 will have to be reduced by the amount of the loss in State Aid, $447,141. This article also provides the ability to alter other funding sources and amounts as seen fit by Town Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article on an as needed basis.

ARGUMENTS OPPOSED: This is a technical article necessary to have everything in order so that the tax rate may be set and approved by the Department of Revenue. No substantive arguments opposed to this have been heard.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR: This is a technical article necessary to have everything in order so that the tax rate may be set and approved by the Department of Revenue.

QUANTUM OF VOTE: Two-Thirds for Reconsideration - See Town By-Laws, Article 2, Section 4. Two-Thirds for Borrowing - See M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 7. Majority - See M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5 and Ch. 44, Sec. 33B.

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* AND AT THE COCHITUATE FIRE STATION

You are required to serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof, attested by you, at the Town Building, at the public library in Wayland Center, at the Happy Hollow School,* and by mailing or delivering a copy thereof addressed to each residence in the Town, fourteen days, at least, before the time appointed for such meeting.

Hereof, fail not and deliver this Warrant with your return thereon to the Town Clerk on or before September 5, 1989.

Given under our hands and seals this 21st day of August, 1989.

LEWIS S. RUSSELL
RANDY HOES
MARCIA P. CROWLEY
DOROTHY M. HARRINGTON
GEORGE H. HARRIS

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